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AMPLIFIER
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 14-26.

1. A pumping light generator comprising:
two pumping light sources;
a combiner to combine pumping lights output from the two
pumping light sources in orthogonal state of polarization; and
a degree-of-polarization reducer to reduce the degree of
polarization of the light output from the polarizing beam combiner.

2. The pumping light generator of claim 1 wherein the degree-
of-polarization reducer comprises a depolarizing element to depolarize
the output light from the combiner.

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